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A PRELIMINARY STUDY OF [] PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE TAO-AN AREA REVEALS AN EXTENSIVE TEST FACILITY 11 NM NW OF TAO-AN, CHINA. THE FACILITY CONSISTS OF 2 FIRING COMPLEXES, 2 SUPPORT AREAS, 2 STORAGE AREAS (ONE FOR EXPLOSIVES), 2 INSTRUMENTATION RANGES, AN IMPACT AREA, AND AN UNIDENTIFIED AREA. MUCH OF THE FACILITY IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

A CONFERENCE BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF NPIC, FSTC/AMS, AND ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND WAS HELD ON 6 JANUARY 64 REGARDING THE FUNCTION OF THIS FACILITY. THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS WERE REACHED:

- A. THIS IS AN R&D TEST AREA FOR WEAPONS, WITH THE EMPHASIS ON THE RESEARCH PHASE.
- B. NO LARGE MISSILES ARE TESTED HERE.
- C. FACILITIES ARE QUITE EXTENSIVE AND RATHER SOPHISTICATED.
- D. ONE RANGE COMPLEX, CONSISTING OF FIVE RANGES, IS FOR DIRECT FIRE WEAPONS.
- E. WEAPONS THAT COULD BE TESTED RANGE IN SIZE FROM SMALL-HAND-HELD ARMS TO TANK-GUNS TO HONEST JOHN AND LITTLE JOHN-TYPE FREE ROCKETS.

A DETAILED STUDY OF THIS INSTALLATION IS BEING PREPARED AT THIS TIME. []

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